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Editorial

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The joint meeting of the American Philological Association and the Archaeological Institute of America, held at Haverford College, December 29-31, was largely attended and was decidedly successful.

The presidential address, delivered by Professor Capps of Princeton University, "Reflections on Classical Scholarship in America," was a comprehensive summary of the work in classics done in this country. He traced very skilfully the course of classical scholarship and teaching, and showed plainly the advance which has come about through several generations of hard and earnest work. Clearly and definitely President Capps sketched the development that has led from an almost complete dependence on German professors and German universities, both for graduate work and for "finishing," to our present position when most classical students do their graduate work at our universities—and rightly so, for they now offer fully adequate training—and finish with a year or two at the School in Rome or the School in Athens. The address was both timely and an encouragement to renewed effort to maintain and to advance the cause of classical scholarship in the United States.

The program of papers at the Philological meetings was varied, and in the main profitable. Some papers bearing on textual criticism were hard to follow even with the aid of diagrams, and will be of more value when printed. A number of papers, however, combined scholarship and literary technique in a way that is distinctly creditable and hopeful for the future.

The joint meetings of the Institute and the Association were of great interest. Professor Frothingham's important paper on "The Origin of Hermes and the Caduceus" was notable for its reversal of former conceptions on that subject. I cannot forego a *Macte* for the brilliant *farrago* of Professor Laing; it was a flash that dazzled and delighted us.

The social side was extremely pleasant. The luncheon given by Haverford College and, I am told, the reception to the visiting ladies at the

Haverford Union, were thoroughly enjoyed. Certainly the smoker at the Merion Cricket Club, which was given largely through the generosity of members of the club, will long remain in our minds as a harmony of hospitality and good cheer.

The members of the local committee are to be complimented on the completeness and comfort of all their arrangements, and the thanks of all who attended are due them, and to President and Mrs. Sharpless and Haverford College.

It is pleasing to note that next year the joint meeting will again be held in a small college town, at Princeton University.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, E. P. Morris, of Yale University; Vice-Presidents, C. D. Buck, of the University of Chicago, and K. F. Smith, of Johns Hopkins University; Secretary-Treasurer, Frank Gardner Moore, of Columbia University; Executive Committee, the above officers and J. A. Scott, of Northwestern; C. Knapp, of Columbia; A. L. Wheeler, of Bryn Mawr; R. W. Husband, of Dartmouth; W. B. McDaniel, of Pennsylvania.

A BUREAU OF INFORMATION

A recent letter from one of our correspondents contained the following statement: "There seems to be no bureau of information in our Classical Association, and so I hope you will pardon my troubling you," etc. On the contrary, it should be understood that the Association's *Journal* is its bureau of information; and, while we are not planning a formal department of "Questions and Answers," we shall be glad to answer or obtain answers to pertinent questions from our readers and publish these answers in an appropriate place in the *Journal*, where the questions seem to be of more than individual interest.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

The eleventh meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South will be held at Nashville, Tennessee, on April 2 and 3, 1915. The full program will be printed in advance in the *Journal* as usual.